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Austin City Council
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Dear Mayor Adler and Council Members,

The Real Estate Council of Austin (RECA) would like to express its support for staff's recommendation of the adoption of the Plumbing Provisions of the International Residential Code.

Over the course of the last decade, the City of Austin has steadily moved to the adoption of the International Codes for nearly all code provisions. However, one of the last remaining provisions is the City of Austin's use of the Uniform Plumbing Code for both residential and commercial development. It is our understanding that this places the city in a small number of political subdivisions in the state that still use the Uniform Plumbing code including: Western Travis County Public Utility Agency and three Municipal Utility Districts located in Houston.

As stated in the Zucker Report, we believe that the adoption of the International Code Council's set of codes will lead to a more harmonized set of standards. In addition, the adoption of the International Code will lead to greater integration of the important policy issues for the city including water quality, solar ready, and green infrastructure.

While the discussion today is solely focused on residential development, RECA would also be supportive of any step to fully implement the International Code for residential and commercial development.

We urge you to support staff's recommendation and adopt the Plumbing Provisions of the International Residential Code.

Sincerely,

Dianne Bangle
CEO

Nick Moulinet
Board Chair